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Michelle Steel Announces Release of 2012-13 Annual Report

State Board of Equalization collected over \$56 billion in revenue

Sacramento – Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) today announced the release of the agency's [annual report](#) describing more than \$56 billion in revenue collected by the BOE in fiscal year 2012-13.

In 2012-13, programs administered by the BOE produced approximately \$3.6 billion more than the previous fiscal year, representing an increase of 6.8 percent.

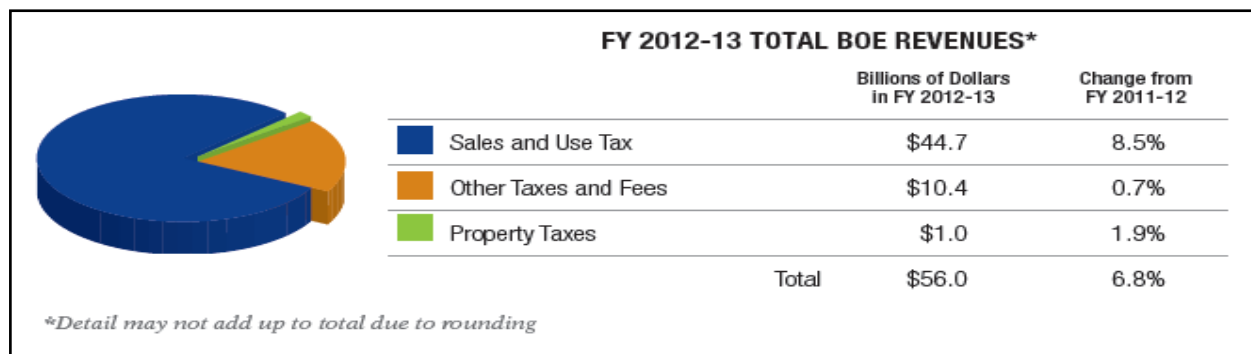
“This newly designed report helps provide transparency for California taxpayers about the collection activities and other functions of the BOE,” Vice Chair Steel said.

Highlights from the report:

The report includes information on the BOE's expansion of online services for relief requests, online industry tax guides, and small business and nonprofit tax seminars that help California taxpayers navigate the state's complex tax code.

The BOE collected approximately \$44.7 billion in sales and use tax revenue in 2012-13, an increase of 8.5 percent from the previous fiscal year. Of that total, more than \$22 billion is for cities, counties and special districts.

The Third District counties of Orange, Riverside and San Diego received over \$994 million from the one percent Bradley Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax. For each taxable sale in those counties, 0.25 percent was allocated to the county in which the sale occurred. The remaining 0.75 percent was allocated to the county or an incorporated city, generally depending on the location of the sales negotiations.



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Collections from the state's alcohol and tobacco-related taxes totaled \$1.2 billion, and total collections of special taxes totaled \$10.4 billion.

The BOE produced more than 30 percent of all state revenues for the fiscal year, and did so efficiently. The agency's total cost for all operations was \$517 million, or 92 cents for every \$100 of revenue collected.

To review the new annual report, visit: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/pub306.pdf>.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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